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It was genial "Chief" Younger, acting as master of ceremonies, who called to order the assembly of three hundred and fifty at the annual Engineers Round-up. The main floor of the Armory had the atmosphere of a western rodeo, and things got underway fast.

The program started with a song by the assembly, entitled "The Engineer" and ably led by the Anvil Chorus of the Industrial Engineers. Then with much gusto the appetite for song thus aroused was further appeased with "Katy," "Sweet Adeline," and "A Long, Long Trail A'Winding." Scarcely a dry eye could be found as the last faint strains died away.

Representatives of Tau Beta Pi, The Ohio State Engineer, the Engineer's Council, the Glider Club, and Texnikoi, presented short talks on the purposes and functions of these engineering activities.

And then a rare treat—Morganstern's German Band (without a tuba). The deficiency of a bass was somewhat amply alleviated by an "umpa" section that sprang up in the audience. As the musicians prepared to depart a shower of pennies clattered onto the platform. In the rush that followed the "Highland Chief" strained a tendon and lost two vest buttons.

The main event of the evening, the whimsical war of wit between Junior Dean Turnbull and Professor Chris Sherman, had to be deferred when the latter failed to put in an appearance. And so, while a committee went in search, the eats were distributed army style. The doughnuts and gingerale proved quite popular as shown by the undiminishing line in front of the serving table. One young culprit was apprehended on his third round when someone noted the frequent reappearance of a very odd tie worn by the unmannered one.

A peal of laughter announced the arrival of the tardy Mr. Sherman. All heads turned to see him stalk in draped in a linen duster and half hiding behind a face full of dense underbrush. Dean Hitchcock proceeded to elaborately and befittingly introduce the contestants to the debate. He recalled Mr. Sherman's renowned achievement in laying an eight-inch sewer on the campus. He likewise paid tribute to Mr. Turnbull as a speaker to high school audiences.

The debate itself was a mild panic. The topic for debate, "Resolved That Engineers Should Enter Politics," was scarcely mentioned. Mr. Sherman, who took the affirmative, won instant popularity by his advocacy of abolition of final examinations, and the serving of refreshments at classes. Mr. "Slingbull," as the Junior Dean was affectionately addressed by his opponent, retaliated with the objection that it would be dangerous to carry hot cauldrons of soup up the steep stairs of University hall and counteradvocated the passing out of chewing gum.

The judges of the contest, Dean Hitchcock and Professors Withrow and Everitt kept the score constantly in view of the spectators by a graphical system employing integral calculus and differential equations. The final result had the appearance of the original Einstein theory. Translated into English, the audience learned the debate had ended in a tie.

Thus ended the biggest dime's worth of entertainment since Noah had his circus afloat. Here's hoping this old tradition will continue with even greater success for many years to come.